



MEMORANDUM

The Department of Community Development

Planning Division

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To: City of Lynchburg Planning Commission
From: Tom Martin, AICP, City Planner
Subj: Annual Report on the Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and other Planning Commission Activities, FY 2006
Date: June 14, 2006

The purpose of this Annual Report is to inform City officials and staff about the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, including activities completed and those recommended for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2008 and FY 2009. While approval of this Annual Report will encourage its use in the Capital Improvement Program and Budget development process, the report does not mandate new funds or projects. The report does provide guidance and suggests priorities for existing and planned projects.

The Annual Report was reviewed by the Citizens Monitoring Committee (CMC) at its June 1, 2006 meeting. After reviewing the report the CMC recommended several items that have been included within the attached document.

It is my recommendation that the Planning Commission adopt the Annual Report for FY 2006 and forward it to the City Council for approval at its July 11, 2006 meeting.

Attachments:

Annual Report for FY 2006

Citizens Monitoring Committee Minutes – June 1st, 2006 meeting

**Annual Report on the Activities of the Planning Commission
Including Implementation of the
City of Lynchburg: Comprehensive Plan 2002 – 2020
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2006**

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Report Summary

This is the fourth “annual” report submitted outlining the implementation of the *Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020*. The report is being submitted at the end of the City’s fiscal year, June 30, 2006 and covers the fiscal year 2005/2006.

In addition to a review of the Planning Commissioners’ activities, we have included a report on the implementation of the *Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020*. In agreement with the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager, we have indicated items and programs approved as part of the *Comprehensive Plan* that may be considered for the FY 2008 CIP by various departments.

The Planning Commission considered and forwarded to the City Council 36 petitions from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Petitions considered and forwarded to the City Council:

- Conditional Use Permits - 10
- Rezoning - 7
- Zoning Ordinance Amendments - 13
- Future Land Use Map Amendments – 0
- Historic District Designation – 1
- Street Naming / Dedication - 5

Highlighted petitions:

- August 24, 2005 – Clarion Investments, LLC Rezoning, 2639 Lakeside Drive
- September 14, 2005 – Midtown Area Plan Addendum to City’s *Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020*

- November 1, 2005 – Compson Development Rezoning and Conditional Use Permit, 108 Melinda Drive and Wards Ferry Road
- January 25, 2006 – Heritage Baptist Church Master Plan Amendment Conditional Use Permit, 219 Breezewood Drive
- February 8, 2006 – Capital Improvement Program FY 2007-2011
- April 11, 2006 – Landscape Zoning Ordinance Amendment
- April 26, 2006 – Fifth Street Master Plan Addendum to City's Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020
- May 24, 2006 – Federal Hill Historic District petition to rezone all properties within the boundaries from R-3, Medium Density Two-Family Residential District, to R-2, Low-Medium Density Two-Family Residential District.
- May 24, 2006 – Cornerstone Traditional Neighborhood Development

Miscellaneous:

- Presentation by Gerry Harter, City Traffic Engineer, on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program [NTMP].
- Appointed new member to the Citizen Monitoring Committee: Celestine Walker
- Appointed Landscape Ordinance Committee to review the requirements within the Zoning Ordinance and create a dedicated section of that ordinance to address landscaping.
- Two new members appointed to the Planning Commission: Sharon Oglesby and Andy Sale
- January 11, 2006 – Liberty University, Liberty Christian Academy and Thomas Road Baptist Church Parking Reduction, 1971 University Boulevard, 100 Mountain View Road and Liberty Mountain Drive
- Presentation by Nicole Gilkeson, Community Development Planner, on a proposed Housing Policy Advisory Committee.
- Appointed Housing Policy Advisory Committee to review and recommend policies for implementing the Housing Analysis goals of the Lynchburg Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020.
- Appointed Natural Resources Advisory Committee to review and recommend policies for implementing the Natural Systems goals of the Lynchburg Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020.

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I. Introduction

History & Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan

The *City of Lynchburg Comprehensive Plan 2002 – 2020* was adopted by the City Council on September 10, 2002. The final chapter of the plan outlined a five year implementation program made up of those tasks that the City needs to implement first in order to reach the vision of the City in the year 2020. This Annual Report, one of the items in that program, gives a status report on the third year of the implementation program.

Goals, Objectives & Strategies in the Plan

Each chapter in the Comprehensive Plan, beginning with Chapter 5, Citywide Land Use and Development, concludes with a series of Goals, Objectives & Strategies. In addition to Citywide Land Use, these goals address:

- Design, Character & Quality
- Economic Development & Redevelopment
- Downtown & Riverfront Master Plan 2000
- Commercial & Employment Areas
- Neighborhoods & Housing
- History, Culture, Education & the Arts
- Natural Systems
- Parks & Recreation
- Transportation
- Public Utilities
- Public Facilities

The goals outline broad policies for future action to protect, improve and enhance various aspects of the City's character and its quality of life. The objectives are more detailed and focused targets. The strategies are specific actions that need to be taken or policies that need to be followed to fulfill the vision presented in the plan. There are three basic types of strategy. The first are the sixteen (16) strategies, one from each element of the plan, that have been selected for inclusion in the five (5) year implementation program. The second type of strategy directs that a certain action be taken, but is not included in the five (5) year program. These strategies will be undertaken if unexpected opportunities, such as grant funding or volunteer efforts arise. The third type of strategy is intended to give overall policy guidance and therefore does not address a specific project.

The Implementation Matrix

Chapter 17 includes an implementation matrix, with the direction that it be revised and completed following adoption of the plan. The matrix was revised and presented to the Planning Commission in January 2003. This Annual Report is based on that revised matrix. Information in this report is on a fiscal year basis, July 1 – June 30.

II. Status of Implementation Matrix Tasks: FY 2006 & FY 2007

Strategy from Implementation Matrix	Completed in FY 2006 July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006	FY 2007 July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007
Prepare for Plan Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning Commission participation ▪ Citizen Monitoring Committee (CMC) participation. ▪ Website for public awareness ▪ CMC will review priorities annually ▪ Annual Report to the City Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Commission continues to be involved in plan implementation. ▪ CMC met four times to discuss implementation goals for Midtown Area Plan, Landscape Ordinance, Natural Resources Advisory Committee and the Fifth Street Master Plan. ▪ Planning Commission appointed a new member. ▪ Website continues to be maintained. ▪ CMC reviewed annual report on June 1, 2006. ▪ Planning Commission reviewed annual report June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continued participation expected. ▪ Committee expected to meet at least twice. ▪ Planning Commission will review members for reappointment.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Comprehensive Plan in 2007 	<p>14, 2006. Forwarded to City Council for review in July 2006.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Division continues to maintain a list of potential changes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparations for review of Comprehensive Plan.
<p>1. Prepare the Tyreeanna/Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted in July 2003. Continued to work with land owners and developers to implement plan. Focused on "Access Management" along U.S. Route 460. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin Tyreeanna Gateway Plans
<p>2. Implement the Downtown & Riverfront Master Plan 2000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Depot Plaza Improvements underway. Phase 3 of the wayfinding signage system is completed. The Riverviews Art Space remains fully occupied. Construction underway on Lynch's Lofts (67 units & ground floor retail). Bluff Walk Hotel site plans approved; construction underway. Phase II construction of the Academy of Fine Arts underway. Community Market design underway. Indoor Skateboard Park opens in February 2006. Site plans approved for outdoor Skateboard Park. Renovation of the former Pride of VA building at 1000 Jefferson Street is complete. Building currently being marketed. Renovation of 1016 Jefferson Street underway. The Parking Authority was reestablished by City Council and held its first meeting in October 2005. The Parking Authority is charged with improving the parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete construction of Depot Plaza Improvements. Construction to continue through summer 2007. Complete construction in winter 2006. Fundraising and construction to continue through summer 2007. Design will be forwarded to Council for consideration. Construction on outdoor Skateboard Park scheduled for summer 2006 construction. 1000 Jefferson Street slated to open. 1016 Jefferson Street renovation to be completed and slated to open. The City is in the process of issuing a Request for Proposals for a parking consultant to determine how to better maximize existing parking.

	<p>situation downtown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update of Riverfront Master Implementation Plan underway. ▪ Funding approved for observation deck ▪ Development of business plan, designs for interior renovations and creation of market square are underway. ▪ Evaluation of Market Parking Deck currently underway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recommendations presented to Planning Commission and City Council in Fall 2006. ▪ Construction to coincide with Jamestown 2007 activities. ▪ Business plan and designs to be completed fall 2006. ▪ Design to be completed by spring 2007.
3. Revise the Zoning & Subdivision Ordinances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Landscaping Ordinance Committee drafted revisions to Zoning Ordinance. Amendments approved by Planning Commission in April 2006 and reviewed by City Council in June, 2006. ▪ Reviewed standards for established neighborhoods for proposed Traditional Residential Overlay Ordinance. ▪ Housing Policy Advisory Committee created to create policy recommendations for decision making relating to housing and neighborhoods. ▪ Fifth Street Master Plan adopted by Council in May 2006. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementation of Landscape Ordinance. ▪ Traditional Residential Overlay Ordinance to be presented and drafted for adoption. ▪ Committee expected to meet at least twice to review and guide staff in obtaining necessary data as well as examining housing policy from other jurisdictions. ▪ Fifth Street Overlay District to be presented and drafted for adoption.
4. Prepare Citywide Design Standards.		<p>Will be prepared as part of Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance revisions as allowed by the Code of Virginia. Design guidelines are incorporated into the Tyreeanna/Pleasant Valley Plan, Fifth Street Corridor and Midtown Area Plans.</p>
5. Prepared Comprehensive Citywide Economic Development / Redevelopment Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed and implemented Office of Economic Development (OED) Strategic and Operational Plan, Oct. 2005. ▪ Completed and adopted 2006 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue interaction with local businesses. ▪ Revise Enterprise zone boundaries to include midtown and 5th Street. ▪ Develop Technology Center in

	<p>Business Development Policy, Feb. 2006.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted informational meetings for businesses by wards; each meeting hosted by Council representative. Initiated Business Appreciation Week and “Business Rocks” tours for 6th graders and seven local companies, May 2006. Opened 135 acres in Lynchpin Industrial Center with construction of Lynchpin Lane for Boxley’s \$10 million plant. Continued Industrial park tenant lunches. Hosted CEO mixer for top companies executives and Industrial. Development Authority (IDA) 	<p>Bank of James building for fledgling tech companies qualifying for free office space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue business visits. Development of Schools Workforce Program—analyzing existing tech/trade programs and viability with Lynchburg businesses. Master plan and rezoning of Lynchpin between Ivy Creek and Wiggington Road. Develop IDA property in Lynchpin as Ivy Creek Nature Center in conjunction with Parks and Recreation.
<p>6. Commercial Areas: Revitalization of Fifth Street</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Concept Plan presented to Citizens Monitoring Committee, Planning Commission & City Council. Plan adopted by Council in May 2006. VDOT funded Traffic Study completed in early 2006. \$40,000 CDBG funding approved for public facilities and façade improvement program. Façade improvement program begins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin Implementation of Fifth Street Master Plan. Acquire right-of-way for proposed roundabout. Trash cans and bus stop shelters will be installed in Summer 2006. Continue implementation.
<p>7. Commercial Areas: Revitalization of Midtown Area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Charrette and Design Workshops results presented to Planning Commission & City Council fall 2005. Plan adopted by Planning Commission & City Council 	

	<p>fall 2005.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Citizens Monitoring Committee presented a prioritized list of implementation goals to Planning Commission. Planning Commission directed staff to implement goals as presented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue implementation.
<p>8. Conduct Crosstown Connector Corridor Study</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Midtown Connector Design currently underway from 29 Business to Langhorne Road. ▪ Midtown Connector Design currently underway for 221 and Old Forest Road intersection to generate more capacity. ▪ City currently advertising for Midtown Connector Coordinator position. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Design to continue through spring 2007. ▪ Design to continue through spring 2007. ▪ City to hire summer 2006. Position to coordinate Midtown Connector projects.
<p>9. Establish short and long term priorities through a Transportation Master Plan (TMP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Commission staff currently reviewing other transportation master plans to develop Transportation Master Plan template for Lynchburg study. ▪ Received Transportation Land-Use grant and initiated contract. Regional Transportation Forum held May 2006. ▪ Implemented Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. Design currently underway for Melinda Drive and Alta Lane. ▪ Breezewood Drive currently under design. ▪ Old Graves Mill Road relocation at Graves Mill Road under construction. Three lane section from Old Graves Mill Road from Timberlake Shopping Center to Willow Bend bid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop City's Transportation Master Plan. ▪ Regional Action Plan to be completed October 2006. ▪ Local action plans to coordinate transportation and land use with Regional Plan to be developed spring 2007. ▪ Implement test cases and prepare final documentation in summer 2007. ▪ Construction to begin spring 2007. ▪ Construction to begin spring 2007. ▪ Relocation work to be completed by August 2006. Construction of three lane section to be completed by spring 2007.

<p>10. Manage Natural Systems / Maintain comprehensive approach to stormwater management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Central Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Committee meets quarterly to gage regional consistency in inspection and plan review programs. ▪ Phase II Stormwater Committee continues to implement permit requirements. ▪ Planning Commission appointed a Natural Resources Advisory Committee to review and recommend policies for implementing the Natural Systems goals of the Lynchburg Comprehensive Plan 2002-2020. ▪ Flood Plain study mapping being completed by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue quarterly meetings. ▪ Proposed Stormwater Ordinance revisions submitted to Planning Commission and City Council in fall 2006. ▪ Committee expected to meet at least twice to review the Natural Systems goals. ▪ New FEMA maps to be published summer 2007.
<p>11. Establish a Neighborhood Task Force</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code Enforcement Task Force continues to meet quarterly and as needed. The task force meets with neighborhood groups to insure adequate communication between residents and the City as well address ongoing code violations. ▪ Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative group meets and conducts “walk-throughs” as needed. 	
<p>12. Preserve City-owned historic buildings and sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dependency at 405 Cabell Street ▪ Thornhill Wagonworks ▪ Carter Glass Building ▪ Renovation of Historic District streets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exterior stabilization complete. ▪ Parks & Recreation / City Manager’s Office working with VDEQ to enter into a Voluntary Remediation Program. ▪ Renovation to expand current data center to accommodate expected growth of computer systems and associated support personnel ▪ Street improvements in Daniel’s Hill underway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apply for fall grant to brace southeast corner of building. Design for interior to begin spring 2007. ▪ Building under consideration for preservation if use can be found and funding source identified. ▪ Renovation to begin in summer 2006 with expected completion slated for summer 2007. ▪ SAFTEA-LU funds will be used to restore street cobbles on Cable Street.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old City Reservoir (Clay Street) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic Reservoir site identified as a park site in the Fifth Street Corridor Concept Plan.
13. Plan and implement a greenway program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Advisory Committee Formed. Design and construction of Ivy Creek Nature Center underway. Trail designed from Ed Page entrance to Linkhorne Middle School. New playground equipment installed at Jefferson Park. New bridge constructed upstream of Thomson Drive. Planning of trail from Blackwater Creek Natural Area to Sandusky Park underway. Renovation of Packetboat Marshal at Riverside Park underway. Plan review of shelter in process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee continues to meet twice a year. Design of trail to be completed spring 2007. Complete restoration of boat hull and construction of shelter in fall 2006.
14. Provide Adequate public facilities to support the City's long-range planning goals	<p>This is a general, ongoing strategy. Planning activities related to the City's infrastructure include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued implementation of Fire & EMS Department 2015 Plan. Completed Phase II of regional financial analysis / study including the Counties of Campbell, Amherst, and Nelson and the Cities of Lynchburg and Bedford completed. Study recommends City move to regionalization of solid waste disposal. City Council adopted recommendation on May 23rd, 2006 and will move towards Phase III, implementation of regional solid waste entity. Post closure uses of existing landfill as identified in Tyreeanna / Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Plan to be studied in greater detail in 2007. 	
15. Support efforts to improve the quality of Lynchburg City Schools	<p>Efforts now underway include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design for athletic fields at Linkhorne Middle School approved; construction to be completed summer 2006. Renovation to E.C. Glass High School to be completed summer 2006. Continuing construction of new athletic fields at Heritage High School. Replace natural grass with synthetic turf at both E.C. Glass and Heritage high school track fields; scheduled for completion in 	

	<p>January 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plans underway to renovate Sandusky Middle School; construction to begin spring 2007. ▪ Public restrooms to be added to both E.C. Glass and Heritage high school. ▪ Track/field event areas to be located at both E.C. Glass and Heritage high school. ▪ Additional bleachers to be added to E.C. Glass High School.
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III. Other Comprehensive Plan Strategies: Underway or Completed

The following chart lists the strategies that various City departments or other groups are working on. In addition to these strategies, there has been a continued interest expressed in the goals, objectives, and strategies included in the Comprehensive Plan.

Comp Plan Page #	Plan Element: Goal / Objective / Strategy	Department / Group & Activity
5.12-13	<p>Element: Citywide Land Use & Development Goal 1. Ensure that regulations and review procedures are effective achieving Plan goals and objectives. Objective 1.A. Regulations and Guidelines 3) Incorporate drawings and photographs as references in ordinances to help clarify concepts for the general public, local officials, and the development community.</p> <p>Goal 2. Improve capacity to assess the impact of development and to monitor, analyze and report on conditions in the city's natural environment, neighborhoods, and commercial employment districts. Objective 2.B. Integrated Data Systems 1) Refine plans and develop estimates of costs, staffing requirements and timelines for the integration of City data systems.</p> <p>3) Coordinate and standardize internal city collection and reporting procedures. 4) Explore opportunities to build a common base of planning-related data between City departments and regional agencies.</p>	<p>Drawings included as references in the City's recently drafted sign and landscape ordinances.</p> <p>A City contracted with a consultant to conduct a Geographic Information System (GIS) study. Recommendations include switching to ESRI software and that the core GIS group provides support for those departments without adequate technical staff.</p> <p>TrakIt system has been implemented by Community Development, Public Works, Assessors Office and the Fire Marshal's Office. Inspections Division using "wireless" technology for</p>

	<p>6) Expand the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) to incorporate natural systems and environmental data that can be compiled on the small area, neighborhood, citywide and regional basis.</p>	<p>accessing TrakIt system in the field.</p> <p>The Department of Community Planning & Development merged with the Engineering Division from the Department of Public Works to form the Department of Community Development. The focus of the new department is to provide an integrated approach to building and rebuilding the City's 50 square miles.</p> <p>Flood Plain study mapping being completed by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). New digital FEMA maps to be published summer 2007.</p>
5.15	<p>Element: Citywide Land Use & Development Goal 5. Promote regional collaboration in planning for future land uses. Objective 5.A. Regional Collaboration Increase level of coordination between area localities and state agencies.</p>	<p><i>The City continues to foster regional cooperation where appropriate.</i></p>
6.23	<p>Element: Design, Character & Quality Goal 1. Ensure that development and redevelopment reinforce the City's unique character and sense of place. Objective 1.H. Property Maintenance 1) Expand the use of rigorous code enforcement to promote the improvement or sale of properties that are not adequately maintained. 2) Target code enforcement activities in areas experiencing the highest levels of deterioration and disinvestment.</p> <p>3) Continue/expand the program of posting signs and publishing lists of owners of dilapidated, abandoned, and/or tax delinquent properties. 4) Develop a program to address the maintenance of properties owned by out-of-state, absentee landlords.</p> <p>5) Develop a citywide Rental Housing Program to address all rental properties that do not meet building code standards.</p>	<p>In cooperation with the City's Inspection Division, Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (LRHA) is continuing the Spot Blight Abatement Program which requires owners to repair properties or face acquisition by the LRHA. Properties acquired within the Fifth Street Corridor will be marketed to private developers.</p> <p>Vacant Property Registration Program to begin January 2007. The program will require that any property that remains vacant for 12 months or more will pay an annual registration fee to remain vacant.</p> <p>Rental Housing Program adopted by City Council in February 2005. Inspections of rental units are ongoing.</p>
9.7	<p>Element: Commercial & Employment Areas Goal 2. Encourage development that maximizes the use of limited land resources, while being sensitive to cultural and natural resources and surrounding land uses. Objective 2.E. Coordination and Impact</p>	<p>The City has initiated a process to establish a 24-Hour Railroad Quiet Zone along the Riverfront. Federal legislation effective in June 2005 enabled local governments to establish these Quiet Zones once safety measures are put in</p>

	<p>Minimization. 1) Address truck traffic, noise, odor, circulation access, housing market, environmental impacts and other impacts.</p>	place which reduce the risk of accidents.
10.14	<p>Element: Neighborhoods / Housing Goal 2. Promote the construction of new housing and rehabilitation of existing housing to satisfy the demands of an increasingly diverse local and regional housing market. Objective 2.D. Rental Housing 1) Establish public private partnerships to improve the quality of rental housing serving low and moderate income residents.</p> <p>Objective 2.E. Homeownership Opportunities 3) Develop a program of incentives and financing to enable low-income households to become homeowners.</p>	<p>The Lynchburg Neighborhood Development Foundation (LNDF) continues to renovate older single-family homes into well designed apartments in older neighborhoods. LNDF also sponsors a housing rental assistance for homeless disabled households for the City's Shelter Plus Care program.</p> <p>Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (LRHA) continues to administer its public housing apartments along with the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. It hopes to continue to attract new landlords to the program. City Council has approved a Conservation Plan for the Tinbridge Hill Neighborhood and the LRHA plans to acquire unimproved lots for redevelopment purposes.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity continues to build new homes in the City.</p> <p>Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April continues to renovate 9 – 11 homes per year and continues to sponsor “Group Work Summer Camps” for 400 Middle & High School Students.</p> <p>LNDF has a site-based, permanent housing project for homeless, called Cornerstone.</p>
13.4-6	<p>Element: Parks & Recreation Goal 1. Provide a wide range of individual and family oriented outdoor recreation opportunities, while preserving the natural, cultural, and historic qualities of park lands and maintaining high quality facilities. Objective 1.B. Park & Facility Upgrade. 1) Prepare master plans for Miller Park, Riverside Park, City Stadium area, and other</p>	<p>Master Planning of Riverside Park underway.</p>

	<p>City parks to guide and appropriately locate needed upgrades and improvements</p> <p>6) Continue to implement a program to upgrade tennis and basketball courts, addressing needs for reconstruction, resurfacing, fencing and lighting where appropriate. Plans for the relocation or expansion of facilities should be considered during the master planning process.</p> <p>Objective 1.D. New Park & Recreation Facilities</p> <p>3) Master plan and develop the Schenkel and Allen-Morrison properties, in conjunction with The Merritt Hutchinson Stadium area, for recreational purposes.</p> <p>Objective 1.F. Water Recreation.</p> <p>2) Develop water access and use areas based on the master plan.</p> <p>Objective 1.H. Park and Outdoor Recreation Facility Maintenance.</p> <p>1) Develop maintenance standards for park lands and outdoor recreation facilities with identified budgets.</p> <p>Goal 3. Encourage and coordinate community recreational use of school sites to achieve maximum, sustainable use of fields and facilities, while recognizing that enrolled students are the primary users.</p> <p>Objective 3.B. School Recreation Facilities.</p> <p>1) Institute a program of field renovation and improvement at all middle school and selected elementary school athletic fields, improving turf and providing adequate fencing, backstops, and other safety features.</p>	<p>Renovation of E.C. Glass Tennis Court lighting underway. Reconstruction of tennis courts at Jefferson Park underway.</p> <p>Schenkel property under contract with Lynchburg Grows. Allen Morrison property accepted into VA Brownfield and Voluntary Remediation Programs.</p> <p>James River canoe ramp opened.</p> <p>Standards developed for athletic fields.</p> <p>Joint City Council/School Board Task force formed. Short and long term plans approved for improvements to athletic fields.</p>
15.8-10	<p>Element: Public Utilities</p> <p>Goal 1. Provide the citizens of Lynchburg with dependable, modern, high quality water and sanitary sewer service with sufficient system capacity to meet the City's long-term requirements.</p> <p>Objective 1.F. Sewer Service Extension</p> <p>1) Develop a plan for needed extensions of sanitary sewer to unsewered areas within the City.</p> <p>Goal 2. Maintain the priority of and commitment to execution of the City's CSO elimination program with a goal of program completion by 2020.</p>	<p>Consultant hired to evaluate the wastewater treatment plant as required by VPDES permit. Review of asset management and extension policies to begin summer 2005.</p>

	<p>Objective 2.A. Commitment 1) Continue pursuit of federal and state grant funding related to implementation of the program. 2) Maximize the utilization of sewer funds for execution of the CSO program. 3) Actively seek alternative sources of grant funding for specific CSO projects.</p> <p>Goal 4. Maintain the focus on the City's long-term solid waste management needs, including the regionalization of solid waste management services.</p> <p>Objective 4.B Regionalization. 2) Participate in the development of a long-term regional solid waste management plan.</p> <p>Goal 4. Maintain the focus on the City's long-term solid waste management needs, including the regionalization of solid waste management services.</p> <p>Objective 4.D. Landfilling Sludge and Vegetative Waste. Continue to evaluate alternatives to the Landfilling of sludge and vegetative waste.</p>	<p>All strategies being addressed and CSO work continues.</p> <p>Completed Phase II of regional financial analysis / study including the Counties of Campbell, Amherst, and Nelson and the Cities of Lynchburg and Bedford completed. Recommendation that City move to regionalization of solid waste disposal. City Council adopted recommendation in May 2006 and will move towards Phase III, implementation of regional solid waste entity. Consideration being given to a regional approach to recycling.</p> <p>Alternative sludge disposal methods are currently being evaluated by the Utilities Division.</p>
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IV. Comprehensive Plan Activities to be Included in the Fiscal Year 2008 CIP

It is the City's intent that all entries in the Capital Improvement Program be based on the City's Comprehensive Plan. This Annual Report is the place where items and programs proposed for inclusion in the next fiscal year's CIP be identified. The following items/programs have been identified for consideration for the FY 2008 CIP.

- Work on Midtown Connector as identified by the Midtown Area Plan.
- Projects to begin implementation of the Fifth Street Corridor Plan.
- Projects included in the City's Greenway Program.
- Downtown and Riverfront Master Plan projects.
- Implementation of the Sewer Master Plan.
- Planning / Engineering Work in support of selection of the post closure use(s) of the City's current landfill.
- Further study and analysis of alternative methods for solid waste disposal.

- *Study the retention of the bus transfer station at the current Plaza location. The study should seek comments from persons with disabilities and users of public transportation.*
- *Conduct crosswalk study to enhance pedestrian safety*
- *Add audible signals as part of the City's ongoing addition and maintenance of pedestrian facilities. The priority area for new signals should focus on Downtown, especially along Main and Church streets.*

The following items and programs are proposed for inclusion in the FY 2009 CIP or thereafter:

- Continued implementation of Midtown Area Plan.
- Continued implementation of City's Greenway Program.
- Continued implementation of Downtown and Riverfront Master Plan projects.
- Continued implementation of Fifth Street Corridor Plan projects.
- Continued implementation of Sewer Master Plan.